

## **Fire Safety Code**

### **Board of Appeal & Review**

#### **Minutes of January 15, 2013 meeting**

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court Varley, Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Walker, Dias, Jasparro, Jackson, Blackburn and Richard. Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Burlingame, Pearson and Sylvester were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**The following cases were heard.**

**APPEAL #120138: Ms. Danielle Goodison, for the property located at 244 Burlingham Avenue, North Kingstown. DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn and Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance until February 28, 2013 to bring the fire alarm system of this facility into full compliance. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #110157A: Hughes Associates, Inc., for the property located**

at 37 Lower College Road, Kingston, (International House). Chief Scott Caron and Deputy State Fire Marshals Christopher Moore and Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to bring the outside fire escape into full compliance. The State Fire Marshal's Office may extend the above deadline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance until December 31, 2013 to bring this facility into full compliance with the code. The Board granted the Applicant a variance for structural hardship on all the existing stairways within buildings that do not meet the required minimum headroom and dimensional requirements of the fire code. The motion passed

**APPEAL #110164A:** Hughes Associates, Inc., for the property located at 401 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, (Whispering Pines). Chief Scott Caron and Deputy State Fire Marshals Christopher Moore and Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a final time variance until April 30, 2014 for the installation of a new automatic sprinkler system and dedicated water supply system in this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to correct any

house keeping issues deemed necessary by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant is directed to supply the State Fire Marshal's Office with progress reports in six (6) month intervals. The motion passed.

**APPEAL #110160A:** Hughes Associates, Inc., for the property located at 401 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, (Sycamore Lodge). Chief Scott Caron and Deputy State Fire Marshals Christopher Moore and Kaitlyn Foley appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a final time variance until April 30, 2014 for the installation of a new automatic sprinkler system and dedicated water supply system within this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of sixty (60) days to correct any house keeping issues deemed necessary by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship on the location of the manual pull station which is located in the front entrance. The motion passed.

**The Johnston School Department for the following properties:**

**APPEAL #100177A:** 4 School Street, Johnston, (Thornton Elementary School)

**APPEAL #100178A:** 6 Collins Avenue, Johnston, (Graniteville Elementary School)

**APPEAL #120131: 14 Brown Avenue, Johnston, (Brown Avenue School)**

**APPEAL #120132: 345 Cherry Hill Road, Johnston, (Johnston Senior High School)**

**APPEAL #120133: 24 Barnes Avenue, Johnston, (Sarah Dyer Barnes School)**

**APPEAL #120134: 100 Theresa Avenue, Johnston, (Winsor Hill School)**

**APPEAL #120135: 10 Memorial Drive, Johnston, (Ferri Middle School)**

**Chief Timothy McLaughlin and ADSFM Richard Matarese appeared for the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Walker and Jasparro to accept the Applicant's plan of action as presented to the Board to bring these schools into compliance. The motion was unanimous.**

**APPEAL #100176A: Johnston School Department, for the property located at 7 Waveland Street, Johnston, (Calef Elementary School)**  
**The Board was advised and finds that this building is closed and no longer in use as a school. No motion was taken at this time.**

**Subcommittee recommendations:**

**A Subcommittee hearing was held and brought to a full Board on January 15, 2013, per the request of the Rhode Realtors Association and the State Fire Marshal's Office for a formal interpretation and**

**blanket variance on one and two family homes smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detection inspection. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, second by Commissioner Jackson to accept the subcommittee recommendation. The motion was unanimous.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Desiree Campanini**

**Administrative Assistant**